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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Apparel of Circular Single Knit
Jersey Fabric (Investigation No. 332-458-018)

The U.S. International Trade Commission initiated a review to provide advice concerning a petition filed under the "commercial availability" provision of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) on apparel of circular single knit jersey fabric. The petition states that the fabric is (1) a jacquard geometric rib stitch, (2) 64 percent polyester staple, 34 percent cotton, and 2 percent spandex, (3) 6.165 square meters per kilogram, (4) 54.14 metric (32/1 English) spun, filament core yarn, (5) 24 gauge, and (6) piece dyed, classified in HTS statistical reporting number 6006.32.00.80. The petitioner emphasizes that the fabric must be knit on a jacquard machine in order to provide the geometric pattern and puckered effect apparent in the fabric. Further information on the petition is available on the website of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/scripts/ca.exe/two>.

The petition was filed on behalf of Jaclyn, Inc., New York, NY, by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on August 31, 2004. The petition alleges that the fabric cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will provide probable economic effects advice in the review for the napped sheeting fabrics under its investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics or yarns, regardless of the source of such inputs, should CITA determine that the fabrics or yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission plans to submit its advice for this review in a classified report to USTR by October 12, 2004. The Commission will issue a public version of the review soon thereafter.

Further information on this review may be obtained from Ms. Jackie Jones (202-205-3466); jackie.jones@usitc.gov. Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from Ms. Jones and from its website at www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/CA.htm>